(Rs. in Lakhs)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14.	MANIPUR Manipur Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.						
15.	MIZORAM Khadi & Village Ind. Board	3.05	7.55	12.15	2.75	2.65	12.05
16.	NAGALAND* Director of Horticulture,		5.90	1.50		2.65	
17.	ORISSA* Director of Horticulture,						
18.	PUNJAB' Director of Agriculture,						
19.	RAJASTHAN* Director of Horticulture,				5.24	4.55	5.38
20.	TAMIL NADU* Deptt. of Hort.						
21.	TRIPURA* Director of Horticulture,						
22.	UTTAR PRADESH U.P. State Agro Industrial Corpn. Ltd.,		18.68	69.70	68.70	8.30	9.30
23.	WEST BENGAL W.B. State Seed Corpn.						
24.	DELHI* Director of Horticulture,						
25.	PONDICHERRY Pondicherry Khadi Village Industries Board,						
	Total	.-89.33	89.81	149.26	109.11	37.25	82.31

* State Govt. Departments

Ban on fishing in Arabian Sea

2748. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to stop fishing of certain fish varieties like shark, in the Arabian Sea;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would consider to ban fishing of certain varieties of fish from our sea; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) had issued a notification in July, 2001 imposing ban on hunting of sharks and rays considering the fact that they have become rare and endangered due to over-exploitation to meet the increased international demand for their fins, meat, etc. This decision is reported to have been taken based on a scientific publication of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Cochin.

A large number of representations from various quarters were received asserting that the aforesaid ban would adversely affect the livelihood opportunities of large number of fishermen. A meeting was convened by MOEF recently to discuss the issue with the experts and scientists of various institutes in the country. Based on the views expressed in this meeting it was decided to give a three years research project on the issue to CMFRI and Zoological Survey of India to assess population status of individual species and quantum harvested annually. In the interim period the MOEF have decided to restrict the ban to ten shark species that are considered critically endangered and vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Procurement of Copra by NAFED

2749. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NAFED has started procurement of copra from the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the year-wise details of Copra procured from Kerala since 1998-99 onwards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.